



**SUMMARY OF NOTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
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Wednesday, April 15, 2015

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-1761)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (15-1627)

1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. followed by a roll call.

Commissioner Alexia Teran and President Janet A. Neal joined the meeting at 1:19 and 1:20 p.m., respectively.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Commissioner Carlos Benavides, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller and Commissioner Alexia Teran

Excused: Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Sheila D. Wright and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of March 18, 2015. (15-1629)

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued without discussion due to lack of a quorum.

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2. Receive and file President Report for April 2015. (15-1628)

President Janet A. Neal attended the City of Los Angeles Commission on

Disability meeting held on April 1, 2015 and shared a copy of their agenda. She suggested the Commission discuss an item at a future agenda the City of Los Angeles' Department of Transportation Disabled Parking Placard Policy, Veterans Homelessness and Proposition 41. She is hoping to obtain transcripts from the City's Commission meeting for more information.

She also reported the Commission hosted a delegation from Korea. Commissioner Wan Chun Chang was also available and presented a packet to the delegation from the State Department of Rehabilitation. Also discussed at the meeting were the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), education and employment.

- 3. Receive and file Financial Report for the month ending March 31, 2015, as submitted by Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer. (15-1635)**

In the absence of Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commission staff, Emma De Jesus, presented the financial report. By common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the next meeting without discussion due to lack of quorum.

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- 4. Discussion and recommendation to approve the purchase of an annual subscription of the publication, Disability Compliance for Higher Education, in the amount not to exceed \$250 as requested by the Education Committee. (15-1256)**

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued without discussion due to lack of a quorum.

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II. REPORTS

- 5. Receive and file Events / Standing Committee Reports for April 2015:**

- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Teran, Troost
- Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
- Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran
- Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran, Neal
- Recreation: Commissioners Benavides (Chair) (15-1631)

Chair Janet A. Neal reported the following:

Events

Plans by the Committee for the Awards Reception are going well.

Education

Scholarship applications were distributed in the first week of April and are available upon request. The Scholarship presentation was also discussed.

Transportation

The taxi coupons were discussed.

Housing

The Committee is in the process of finding someone to conduct a presentation on housing for homeless people with disabilities.

Recreation

Commissioner Carlos Benavides reported beach access in Oxnard is limited and is similar to beach access in Venice Beach which is limited by sidewalks use only. He intends to obtain additional information on access to local beaches for the disabled by locating maps that are available at the University of California, Los Angeles and share that information with the Commission.

No action was taken by the Commission.

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- 6. Receive and file Monthly Staff Report for April 2015 by Emma De Jesus. (15-1630)**

Emma De Jesus, Commission staff, reported that, Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich appointed Ms. Dee H. Pinchbeck to the Little Person seat of the Commission. She added the Commission quorum would now be increased to eight members present.

After discussion, she introduced Twila Kerr, Chief of Commission Services, who spoke on the Commission quorum problem. Ms. Kerr reported meeting with the Supervisorial Districts Deputies on April 1, 2015 to discuss attendance records. She provided the Deputies with a copy of the Commission attendance records, By-laws and ordinance. At the meeting they discussed the Commission's topics of interest and the Deputies expressed concern that the Commission could do good work if there was a recurrent quorum. Second District Deputy Kathleen Austria and Fifth District Deputy Michele Vega provided an overview of the Commission activities to the other deputies and mentioned that the

Commissioners with long term absences possibly to be replaced.

7. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report of April 2015 by 2nd Vice President John Troost. (15-1232)

No report was submitted and no action was taken by the Commission.

8. Receive and file the Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (15-1022)

Louis Burns of Access Services, Inc. introduced Eric Haack, Transportation Service Planner of Access Services, Inc. Mr. Haack gave a Power Point presentation on current fare system. He stated that Access Services, Inc. develop this fare system through a regulatory legislation change in Congress. He showed the future fare price increase for people with disabilities was based on a two tier system of ADA allowable fares in a dollar to half dollar step system. The results were obtained with the assistance of the community meetings held by Access Services.

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on AB32.

Kimberly Whyte, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on this item.

Elba Guzman, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on a friend, age 68, whose application was not approved by Access Services.

John Mavis, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Carlos Benavides spoke on health condition of constituents due to poor ventilation on the bus.

1st Vice President Welt Narro thanked Mr. Haack for his informative report.

At 2:24 p.m., 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro left the meeting after she gave the table of chairmanship to President Janet A. Neal.

9. Receive and file the Monthly Report presented by Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (15-1238)

Giovanna Gogreve of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO provided an update report that Dan Levy was replaced by Nalini Ahuja, the new Access Service Board member approving the budget findings for Para-Transit Civil Rights Department, who reports directly to Chief Executive Officer Philip Washington effective May 31st. Mr. Washington came from Denver, Chair of ACTA, who was involved with lots of construction level. Complaints are down because of the changes made.

Ms. Gogreve also reported that Rancho orientation will be on programs. She also stated that METRO is running out of colors and plan to change train colors to letters.

Commissioners Alexia Teran and Carlos Benavides commented on this item.

Kimberly Whyte, a member of the public addressed the Commission regarding difficulty METRO bus drivers are having in navigating the detours during the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Construction Project and that disabled passengers were being disrespected by non-disabled passengers riding the bus.

10. Receive and file Commissioner Announcements for April 2015. (15-1632)

Commissioner John R. James requested another Commission retreat. After discussion, the next retreat will be held after a regular Commission meeting sometime in the near future.

III. DISCUSSIONS

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-1241)

During discussion, staff was reminded of pending reports from the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability, and the following departments: Department of Public Works, Department of Beaches and Harbors, Los Angeles County Housing Authority and the Department of Mental Health.

Public Comment

- 13.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-1633)

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission about Senate Bill 4 (SB4).

Ken Small, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on Portals completed merger with Pacific Clinics in Los Angeles.

Commissioner Alexia Teran addressed the Commission on the out-of-order elevator in underground parking structure. She requested that building management post a sign directing the public of an alternate route.

Adjournment

- 14.** Adjournment for the meeting of April 15, 2015. (15-1634)

On motion of 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, seconded by Commissioner John James, and by common consent, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.